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SETTING UP OF ECO-CLUBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to set up 'Eco Clubs' in the schools of all the districts of the country to raise a National Green Army and to create awareness among the people about environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of schools identified in each district; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, state-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Eco-clubs have been set up by the Government in the schools under the National Green Corps (NGC) Programme since 2000-01, with underlined objective of spreading environmental awareness amongst school children. These clubs are set up in each district of the country, with the focus on action oriented environment programme through the active involvement of the students. Though State Govts./UTs are at liberty to set up any number of Eco-clubs in a district the financial assistance under the Programme is restricted to 250 Eco-clubs per district @ 2,500/- per Eco-club per annum.

(c) Names of schools identified in each district are maintained by the State Nodal Agencies.

(d) A list showing State-wise grants released to the State Nodal Agencies during the current financial year is at Annexure.